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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, first paragraph, with the following amended paragraph.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

~~The present~~ This application is the national stage of International Patent Application PCT/US03/020226, filed June ~~2030~~, 2003 (which was published in English), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/392,192, filed June 28, 2002; and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/373,600, filed February 24, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/392,192, filed June 28, 2002, U.S. Provisional Application 60/388,221, filed June 13, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application 60/358,983, filed February 22, 2002; and which is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/373,609, filed February 24, 2003 and which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/392,192, filed June 28, 2002, U.S. Provisional Application 60/388,221, filed June 13, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application 60/358,983, filed February 22, 2002.